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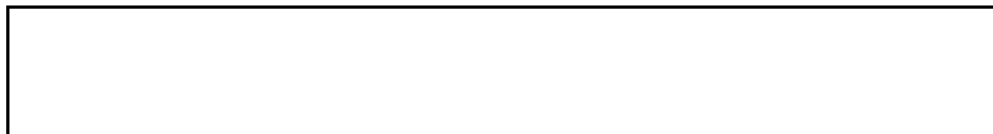
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The Odertal* Coke, Chemical, and Synthetic Fuel Plant is located in southwest Poland near the Polish-Czech border. The plant is two miles west of Bergstadt and east of the Oder River. The railroad running between Oppeln and Ratibor passes by the west side of the plant, providing rail service. Formerly a major producer of synthetic fuels, it is now solely engaged in the production of coke and coke oven by-products. Major components of this plant are indicated on the annotated [] photograph (Plate 1).

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The reported Soviet dismantling of the synthetic fuel section of the plant in 1945-46^{1/} is confirmed by the [] This section has not been rebuilt and is not in operation. Some of the smaller buildings in the synthetics section of the plant have been left intact, but they are probably being used for storage, personnel quarters, or minor plant functions. [] of this plant is enclosed for comparative purposes (Plate 2). Only three of the many storage tanks existing in [] still remain in this section. A comparison of [] aerial photography with ground [] indicates that some additional dismantling has taken place between these two dates.

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*The names Zdzieszowice, Deschowitz, Schoffgotsche, Bahnhof Bergstadt, and Koksownia Anna are also used in referring to this plant.

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The coking section of the plant consists of two batteries of coke ovens, a large coal treatment and storage building and a coke treatment and storage building. Damaged by bombing during World War II, this coking section is reported to have resumed operations in []^{1/} and

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25X1D activity is evident on [] photography. Production is reported to be 2,500 tons daily, including both common and metallurgical grades, making it one of the largest coking plants in Poland.^{1/}

25X1D A coke oven by-products installation is also reported to have resumed operations in []^{1/}. It is located between the coke ovens and the coal treatment and storage building, and includes eight scrubbers and other typical features of a coke by-products plant. Two and probably three cooling towers are present. In [] it was reported to be producing ammonium sulfate, tar, benzol, phenol, naphthalene, and pharmaceutical chemicals. 2/ 3/

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25X1D The power plant, damaged in World War II, has been repaired. Though ground photography shows the four cooling towers adjacent to the power plant still standing in [] they have since been dismantled and no new cooling equipment is apparent. An overhead steam line leads from the power plant to the coke oven by-products section. These factors suggest that the power plant may now be serving only as a steam plant. Two new unidentified buildings have been constructed just east of the dismantled cooling towers.

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KEY TO ANNOTATIONS

1. Power plant (steam)
2. Dismantled cooling towers.
3. Two new unidentified buildings approx. 105' x 210' and 90' x 215'.
4. Coke crushing, screening and loading building.
5. Two batteries of coke ovens and coaling tower.
6. Quenching tower.
7. Coal conveyor.
8. Coal crushing, screening, and storage building.
9. Three cylindrical tanks.
10. Transformer station area.
11. Gasometer.
12. Quenching tower.
13. Coke oven by-products installation.
14. Eight scrubbers.
15. Dismantled synthetic fuel section.

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REQUIREMENT: Prepared in answer to RR/HTA/E/R103/56 requesting any evidence of new construction or plant expansion since World War II, at the Odertal Coke, Chemical, and Synthetic Fuel Plant, Odertal, Poland. Also verify reported resumption of activity in the synthetic fuels section of the plant.

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